

MY 9941 X and Bus No. MY 6661 X. The owner and driver of the car is Sri D. Bheema Rao of Robertsonpet. Since nobody was injured, the case against the car driver was withdrawn by the Deputy Commissioner.

12-30 P.M.

Report of Committee to examine working of Agreement between Kolar Gold Mining Companies and Government.

Q.—310. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have appointed a Committee to enquire with regard to the gold duty and royalty paid by the Kolar Gold Mining Company to the Government;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether the committee looked into the administrative aspect of the Kolar Gold Mining Company?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Report is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The Committee have examined all aspects of the working of the agreement of 1949 between Government and the Mining Companies.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಈ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿದ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಕಂಪೆನಿಯವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಯಾರನ್ನಾದರೂ ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—All the details are to be found in the report that is placed in the hands of the Hon'ble Members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The report is placed on the Table.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether Government has taken . . .

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The copies of reports have been distributed to the members also, Sir.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಕಂಪೆನಿಯವರು ಒಂದು press statement ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is alleged that a representative of the Company has given a statement. His name is not disclosed and another statement is alleged in the name of the Manager.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Only to that extent, I will allow.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಕಂಪೆನಿಯ ಆಡಳಿತದ ವಿಚಾರ ದಲ್ಲ ತಾವೇನಾದರೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—A day has been allotted for the discussion on the subject, Sir, and further details may not be asked now.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—It is stated that Sri K. S. Vasan has declined to sign the report. Has he given any reasons for not signing the report ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No reasons have been assigned. He has declined to sign.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—The bilateral agreement provides for arbitration in case of a dispute. What was the difficulty of the Government to take it for arbitration ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—A day has been allotted for the discussion of the subject. I think all these points can be brought forth on that day.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—If we have these answers, it will facilitate discussion on that day, Sir. What difficulty did Government feel in referring this matter to arbitration instead of appointing this Committee ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In the opinion of the Government, the agreement is void *ab initio*.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Who were the parties to the agreement, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Government of Mysore and Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Why did you not refer the matter for arbitration ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already answered.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Is there a clause in the agreement that if any dispute arises, it should be referred for arbitration ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I invite the attention of the Hon'ble Member to

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the appendix in this report where the agreement has been quoted in *extenso*.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Why was the dispute not referred to arbitration, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already said that I will make a full disclosure of all the facts when the question comes up for discussion.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—I repeat the question, Sir.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already answered, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—A separate day has been allotted for discussion on the subject. . . .

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Might be, Sir. When a question has been put on the floor of the House, we have every right to ask further questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sufficient number of supplementary questions have already been put and answered. Moreover there are some more questions to be taken for the day. Otherwise I would have allowed.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I ask Government why they became a party to the agreement which was void?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—According to the examination of the agreement, it is void due to certain legal difficulties.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I ask when did the Government discover that they had to become parties to an agreement which is void?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—When the matter was referred to the committee and when the agreement was examined by the Law Department.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Had not the Government taken legal opinion when it entered into such an agreement?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They have.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—If the Government had taken legal opinion, may I ask, what was the particular reason which prompted the Government to enter into such an agreement?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am not in a position to say anything more than placing the facts as they are and the opinion as expressed by the Law Department, now.

Road from Chikmalur to Malurpatna (repairs).

Q.—2. Sri V. VENKATAPPA (Channapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is a road from Chikmalur to Malurpatna in Channapatna Taluk; if so, through which agency this road was taken up;

(b) whether the Government have sanctioned any amount for the special repairs of this road and whether that amount was spent;

(c) whether the annual maintenance work of the said road is being attended to by any agency; if not, why?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) The road from Chikmalur to Malurpatna was originally formed under the I.V.C. Scheme and was taken over by the District Board during 1953-54. A sum of Rs. 50,000 has recently been sanctioned out of the reserve held by Government under "Land Revenue Assignments to the Village Panchayets" towards the cost of construction and improvement of the road from Chikmalur to Malurpatna and three other roads in Channapatna Taluk.

(b) Yes, but the amount sanctioned had not been spent yet.

(c) Annual maintenance is being attended to by the Board.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಯಾವ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಈ ರಸ್ತೆ ಆಯಿತೆಂಬ ವಿವರ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—1953-54ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ಇದನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಹೀಗೆಂದು ಯಾರು ವರದಿ ಮಾಡಿದರು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರಿಗೆ ವಹಿಸಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ನಾಲ್ಕು ರಸ್ತೆಗಳಿಗೆ 50,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ; ಆ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು ಯಾವುವು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—(1) ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾಲೂರಿನಿಂದ ಮಾಲೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಕೂಡಲೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಸೋಲಿಗಾಝಕ್ಕೆ (2) ಸಂತೇಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿಯಿಂದ ಅಕ್ಕೂರು